

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-20 (cancelled)

Claim 21 (currently amended)      An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) an isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising ~~corresponding to~~ amino acids 1 to 343 of SEQ ID NO:24 including the start codon;

(b) an isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising ~~corresponding to~~ amino acids 2 to 343 of SEQ ID NO:24 minus the start codon;

(c) an isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising ~~corresponding to~~ amino acids 146 to 241 of SEQ ID NO:24;

(d) an isolated polynucleotide which represents the complimentary sequence ~~(antisense)~~ of (a), (b), (c), or fragment thereof; and

B1 (e) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(d), wherein said polynucleotide does not hybridize under stringent conditions to a nucleic acid molecule having a nucleotide sequence of only A residues or of only T residues.

Claim 22.      (previously added) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 21, wherein said polynucleotide is (a).

Claim 23.      (previously added) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 22, wherein said polynucleotide comprises nucleotides 23 to 2154 of SEQ ID NO:23.

Claim 24.      (previously added) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 21, wherein said polynucleotide is (b).

Claim 25.      (previously added) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 24, wherein said polynucleotide comprises nucleotides 26 to 2154 of SEQ ID NO:23.

Claim 26.      (previously added) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 21, wherein said polynucleotide is (c).

Claim 27.      (previously added) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 26, wherein said polynucleotide comprises nucleotides 436 to 723 of SEQ ID NO:23.

Claim 28.      (previously added) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 21, wherein said polynucleotide is (d).

Claim 29. (previously added) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 21, wherein said polynucleotide is (e).

Claim 30. (previously added) A recombinant vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 21.

Claim 31. (previously added) A recombinant host cell comprising the vector sequences of claim 30.

Claim 32. (previously added) A method of making an isolated polypeptide comprising:

(a) culturing the recombinant host cell of claim 31 under conditions such that said polypeptide is expressed; and

(b) recovering said polypeptide.

Claim 33. (withdrawn)

Claim 34. (previously added) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 21 wherein said nucleic acid sequence further comprises a heterologous nucleic acid sequence.

Claim 35. (previously added) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 34 wherein said heterologous nucleic acid sequence encodes a heterologous polypeptide.

Claim 36. (previously added) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 35 wherein said heterologous polypeptide is the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.

Claim 37. (previously added) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence at least 60.0% identical to a sequence provided in claim 21, wherein percent identity is calculated using a CLUSTALW global sequence alignment.

Claim 38. (previously added) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 37 wherein said nucleic acid sequence further comprises a heterologous nucleic acid sequence.

Claim 39. (previously added) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 38 wherein said heterologous nucleic acid sequence encodes a heterologous polypeptide.

Claim 40. (previously added) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 39 wherein said heterologous polypeptide is the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.

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